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Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1.(C) Ambassador met February 13 with King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa to discuss issues that included reftel demarche on Kosovo independence. He

2.(C) King Hamad replied, "That's hot! We're with you." He then turned to Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ahmed bin Attivatallah Al-Khali